



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Christmas celebrations are underway starting today with Christmas jumper day and a Santa Dash! We had great fun this morning in the rain, dancing, singing and running around the playground in our festive outfits and jumpers! It is national Christmas jumper day which supports the Save the Children charity and if you would like to make a donation then please visit their website.

In other news we have made a new school video this week to share some of the great things we have been doing in school. There is a link from our website but you can also find the video if you follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0mRS8prlu5E>

Well done to our Year 6 presenters who are always the best advert for what we do at Woodloes!

Following my letter to you all on Wednesday confirming that the **school will be closed on Friday 18th December**, it is probably worth reminding everyone why the government are recommending that schools should close a day earlier than planned. There are obvious concerns as we approach the end of term, that children and staff could test positive for the coronavirus which could cause disruption to families and Christmas celebrations. Schools closing 1 day early reduces the risk to everyone by just 1 day, so we all need to be extra vigilant during the week ahead to ensure we remember **Hands, Face, Space** and do everything we can to reduce the risk of transmission to the lowest level possible. I know we are all fatigued to hear the same messages being repeated but we should stick with it to make sure we can all enjoy the Christmas holidays with our families and look forward to 2021 with a sense of optimism and positivity.

We have lots of end of term fun to look forward to next week and your teachers will be managing these activities in their bubbles with their classes so please look out for further details next week.

In the meantime, many thanks for your continuing support and best wishes.

Andy Mitchell
Head Teacher

"Adding value to lunchtimes"

Year 5 are loving their broad, balanced, and exciting curriculum this term.

Here is one of the Year 5 pupils sharing a few lessons on the djembe drums with Mrs Pugh!



Governor Focus

As part of the governor monitoring process, I recently had a virtual meeting with Mrs May to discuss how pupils achievement in English was progressing. It was reassuring to learn how Star Reading, Accelerated Reading programmes and other tools were being used to help children catch up on work that has been interrupted by Covid.

Mick Potter
Vice Chair of Governors

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class RC & 1L (Mrs Connelly & Miss Lyons) with 99%!

Whole school attendance to date - 95.5% (school target 96.5%)

What I love about Woodloes

I like playing 'Fairies' with my friends.
Rose
Year 1



Focus on Excellence

This term, in Year 2, we have been learning all about The Great Fire of London.

We have done lots of research into how the fire started, what happened during and after the fire and about key figures involved. We have loved this topic and will be writing a non-chronological report to compile everything we have learned.

If you see us, please test us on our knowledge and we'll share some of our favourite facts with you!

Other News

Forgotten Items!

Please ensure that your child is fully equipped at the start of the school day. We have noticed an increasing number of parents/carers trying to drop items off that have been forgotten first thing. We are obviously not wanting to 'break bubbles' to take items down to your child's class.

Therefore, unless absolutely crucial, please DO NOT drop any items off at the school office once your child has come into school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Request from Saplings Pre School

Saplings have a request

Do you have any boys toys, such as tool kits, tool bench, hammers, or water play, that your child no longer plays with? If so, Saplings would welcome them from you! Thank you

Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service (WSHWBS)

WSHWBS have put together some activities to help all ages with wellbeing during the festive period, all of which are low cost or free.....

- Stay active and learn on the National Trust website, where children can plan a wintery walk, learn eco crafts, try Peter Rabbit activities and learn about squirrel spotting.
- Help your child learn, connect and give with BBC Goodfood Christmas Baking Projects for Kids. Visit <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/christmas-projects-kids>
<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/g34150986/hanukkah-crafts/>
- Some of us may be getting 'Zoom Fatigue' but keeping in touch with loved ones is really important for our wellbeing. To keep things fresh, why not try adapting the games you usually play at Christmas, such as charades or Pictionary, to work over video—or do some festive virtual crafts or baking together. Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/nine-festive-arts-crafts-ideas-kids>

*You will need to copy & paste the above links into your browser

Park it Right! Campaign—Warwickshire Fire & Rescue

The above campaign is trying to encourage drivers to park safely and legally, ensuring fire engines and other emergency response vehicles can pass them. Obstructing roads and double parking your vehicle could simply mean the difference between firefighters attending a fatality or saving a life.

Some top tips are:-

Park close to the kerb—a little distance makes a big difference
Keep your mirrors in—this creates more space for a fire engine to get through

Park straight—it might be easier for you to get out, but if fire engines can't get by, someone else may suffer the consequences.
Also straighten your wheels—every little helps.

Finally, **DO NOT PARK ON JUNCTIONS.** This is not only dangerous, but can stop emergency vehicles getting through.

**PARK IT RIGHT
SAVE A LIFE**

**If we can't get through
we can't get to you.**

For more information visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parkitright

Warwickshire Fire & Rescue
Warwickshire County Council